

**DRB-HICOM NETS RM153.37m
PRE-TAX PROFIT IN Q4 2021****Impact of COVID-19 drags Group to pre-tax loss of RM291.27m for FY2021**

SHAH ALAM, Thursday, 24 February 2022 – DRB-HICOM Berhad (“DRB-HICOM”, “the Group”) managed to record a RM153.37 million pre-tax profit with a revenue of RM4.12 billion in the three months to 31 December 2021 (“Q42021”). Compared to the corresponding quarter in 2020, the Group’s revenue and pre-tax profit were lower at RM4.12 billion (Q42020: RM4.85 billion), and RM153.37 million (Q42020: RM948.78 million) respectively. Included in corresponding quarter was a one-off revenue and profit recognised from the disposal of non-industrial property assets and investments totalling RM1.28 billion and RM862.60 million respectively.

For the 12 months to 31 December 2021, revenue slipped 5.9% year-on-year for DRB-HICOM, to RM12.38 billion (FY2020 revenue: RM13.16 billion), leading to a pre-tax loss of RM291.27million (FY2020 pre-tax profit: RM540.10 million).

Full year revenue from the Automotive Sector comes in at RM8.20 billion in FY2021, growing almost 15% from a year ago. The sales tax holiday introduced by the Government to stimulate the automotive market helped PROTON, Mitsubishi, Isuzu and other marques under the Group to move more cars in 2021. This performance also helped DRB-HICOM’s manufacturing and engineering companies that supply auto components across the multiple automotive brands in the country. Meanwhile, Pos Malaysia Berhad saw revenue in FY2021 slipped 12.8% to RM1.5 billion as the international segment continued to suffer from COVID-19 border closures, while mail and courier segments remaining challenging.

PROSPECTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Malaysian economy is expected to remain on its recovery path for 2022, in line with continued global growth and higher private sector spending. Malaysia’s Gross

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Domestic Product (“GDP”) registered a positive growth of 3.6% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (3Q 2021: -4.5%). However, the recovery momentum is subject to risk factors related to COVID-19 globally and domestically.

DRB-HICOM's Automotive Sector remains a driving force for the Group's growth. PROTON ended 2021 on a high note by selling 114,708 cars, the highest since 2014. Despite the challenging business climate, PROTON's market share improved to 21.9% as compared to 20.5% in previous year. For 2021, PROTON held leadership positions in four model segments namely Saga (A-segment market), Exora (C-segment MPV), and both X50 and X70 in their respective segments (B-segment and C-segment SUV). The positive momentum is expected to continue with the extension of sales tax exemption for passenger vehicles until 30 June 2022. The Malaysian Automotive Association (“MAA”) has-forecast a 17.9% growth in total industry volume (“TIV”) to 600,000 units for 2022 from 508,911 units recorded in 2021. New model launches and promotions from other marques within the Group will further fuel an increase in revenue for the segment.

As the global economy gradually reopens, DRB-HICOM businesses in aerospace and defence are expected to gear up their production whilst staying flexible in meeting ever-changing customers' demands. For the postal segment, the on-going turnaround plan focusing primarily on rigorous cost efficiency and customer centric strategy is expected to improve its overall performance. Other businesses in banking, services and properties will continue to operate efficiently by optimising cost management and improving business productivity.

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